

## Surrender of Out-of-State License Plates

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Out-of-state license plates **are** required to be surrendered to the California Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) when an application for nonresident vehicle registration is complete. However, out-of-state license plates **may** be retained by the owner under specified circumstances.

### Procedures

If an application for nonresident vehicle registration **is** complete, the vehicle owner **must** indicate the disposition of the out-of-state license plates in Section 7 of the REG 343 (REV. 2/2012) form. By completing Section 7, the owner certifies that the out-of-state license plates will not be affixed to a vehicle at any time and to the disposition of the out-of-state license plates. Vehicle owners may retain the out-of-state license plates when:

- Expired.
- The vehicle has “dual registration” or interstate registration (e.g. a commuter who resides in both Nevada and California and the vehicle is registered in both states).
- The owner **must** return the license plates to the motor vehicle department of the state where they were issued.

**IMPORTANT:** All license plates for nonresident, dismantled, junked, salvaged, and export vehicles **must** be picked up and destroyed by occupational licensees, for lien sale vehicles by lienholders, and in other instances specified by the *California Vehicle Code*.

### Background

The REG 343 (REV. 2/2012) form includes a section for the **owner** to indicate the disposition of out-of-state license plates.

### References

*California Vehicle Code* §4301


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